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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, and is accompanied the following certification specified in 37 C.F.R.§1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that the Korean Reference No. 1966-13577 contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The attached U.S. Patent No. 5, 527,423 corresponds to the cited Korean Reference No. 1966-13577 and is provided in lieu of an English Translation thereof.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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